

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, 16, and 19-20 have been amended; Claims 13-15, and 21 have been cancelled; and new Claims 22-25 have been added as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing communications information, comprising:

a recorder for recording and storing messages from incoming phone communications received directly from the public switched telephone network;

a processor for determining phone communication origination identification data for said incoming phone communications, said processor locally connected to said recorder;

A) a display for displaying a record of said incoming phone communications, each of said records having said origination identification data for one of said incoming communications and indicating the presence of a recorded message on said recorder for each of said incoming phone communications, said display locally connected to said processor and said memory; and,

a selector for selecting from said display which of said records to access for recorded message playback, said selector being able to select any of said records regardless of the sequence of said records, with selection of said record causing playback of a corresponding recorded message.

2. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein said display comprises a screen.

3. (Original) A system for managing call information according to claim 2 wherein said records are displayed as rows on said screen.

4. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 2 wherein said display comprises a touch screen, and wherein said selector comprises a detector for detecting which portion of said screen is being touched whereby one of said records being displayed may be selected by touching a corresponding portion of said screen.

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5. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein the system further comprises a scroll control for scrolling through said records.

6. (Currently Amended) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein the system further comprises at least a first PSTN port for connecting to a ~~communications line~~ the public switched telephone network, said PSTN port locally connected to said recorder, said processor, and said display.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein the system further comprises a ~~first~~ PSTN port for connecting to a ~~communications line~~ the public switched telephone network, and a second port for connecting to a ~~communications device~~ telephone, said PSTN port and said second port locally connected to said recorder, said processor, and said display.

8. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein said record further comprises time of said incoming communications.

A1 9. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 1 wherein each of said records is displayed as a row across said display, with each record divided into a plurality of fields arranged in columns.

10. (Original) A system for managing communications information according to claim 9 wherein said record further comprises a time of occurrence of said communications, and wherein one of said plurality of rows comprises an identity field, one of said rows comprises a time of communications field, and one of said rows comprises a recorded message indicator field.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for managing call information comprising:

a PSTN port for connecting directly to the public switched telephone network;

a recorder for recording and storing audio messages from incoming calls
received over said PSTN port, said recorder locally connected to said PSTN port;

a processor for creating a call record, said call record including at least
~~determining~~ caller identification for incoming calls, ~~and~~ call reception time and the presence
of a recorded audio message on said recorder, said processor locally connected to said
recorder;

AI a display touch screen for displaying a plurality of said call records for each of
said incoming calls, said records displayed as rows across said display screen, with each of
said rows having a plurality of fields, said fields comprising a time of reception field, a caller
identification field, and a recorded message indicator field, said display touch screen locally
connected to said processor and to said recorder;

a scroll control for causing said displayed records to scroll on said display; ~~and,~~

a detector for detecting which portion of said touch screen is being touched
wherein touching of said screen portion causing selection of a record being displayed
proximate said screen portion, with any of said records able to be selected regardless of the
sequence of said records, and wherein selection of said record causes playback of a

corresponding recorded audio message from said recorder; and,
 a second port for directly connecting to a telephone.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for managing communications information comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of incoming ~~communications~~ phone calls directly from the public switched telephone network;

determining ~~communications~~ phone call origination identity for each of said plurality of phone calls using a processor ~~incoming communications;~~

recording a message for at least one of said plurality of incoming phone calls ~~communications~~ with a recorder locally connected to said processor;

creating a communications record for each of said plurality of phone calls using said processor ~~communications~~, each of said records comprising said phone call ~~communications~~-origination identity for one of said plurality of phone calls ~~communications~~ and an indication of the existence of a recorded message for said one phone call ~~communications;~~

displaying a plurality of said records on a display, said display having a selector for selecting any of said records, said display locally connected to said recorder; and,

responding to selection of one of said records by playing said recorded message corresponding to said record from said recorder.

13-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for managing communications information according to claim 12 wherein said method further comprises determining a time of occurrence and a duration time of each of said plurality of phone calls ~~communications~~ and wherein said records further comprise said time of occurrence and said duration time.

AI 17. (Original) A method for managing communications information according to claim 12 wherein said step of displaying said records on said display comprises displaying each of said records as a row across said display, and dividing each record into a plurality of fields arranged in columns.

18. (Original) A method for managing communications information according to claim 17 wherein one of said plurality of columns comprises an origination identity field, one of said columns comprises a time of communications field, and one of said columns comprises a recorded message indicator field.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for managing call information comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of incoming calls directly from the public switched telephone network;

recording an audio message from at least one of said incoming calls using a recorder;

determining caller identification for each of said calls using a processor locally connected to said recorder;

determining a time of occurrence and a duration time for each of said calls using said processor;

A1 creating a call record for each of said calls with said processor, said call record comprising said caller identification, time of reception, duration time, and an indication of the existence of a recorded message for each of said calls;

displaying a plurality of said records on a touch screen display locally connected to said processor and said recorder, each of said records displayed as a row across said display, each row having a time of call reception field for displaying said time of reception, a caller identification field for displaying said caller identification, and a message indicator field for displaying said indication of the existence of a recorded message;

scrolling said displayed records in response to manipulation of a display scroll control;

using said processor to detecting the selection of one of said records upon the touching of a portion of said touch screen corresponding to said one record; and,
playing said recorded message for said selected one record.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for causing a communications information management system to manage communications data, the program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied in the medium that when executed by a processor causes the management system to:

A1 receive a plurality of incoming phone calls directly from the public switched telephone network ~~communications~~;

determine communications origination identity data for each of said plurality of phone calls ~~communications~~ using a processor;

record a message for at least one of said plurality of ~~communications~~ phone calls with a recorder locally connected to said processor;

determine a time of occurrence and a duration time for each of said ~~communications~~ phone calls using said processor;

create a communications record for each of said plurality of communications using said processor, said record comprising said identity data for each of said plurality of phone calls ~~communications~~, a time of occurrence for said phone calls ~~communications~~, a

duration time for said phone calls and an indication of the existence of a recorded message
for said record;

display a plurality of said records on a visual display locally connected to said
recorder and said processor, said visual display having a selector for selecting a particular
record from any of said records regardless of record sequence; and,

generate a selection interrupt upon selection of said particular record; and,
respond to said selection interrupt ~~to selection of one of said records by~~
playing said recorded message corresponding to said particular record.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A system for managing communications information as defined
by claim 1 and further including a telephone integral with said recorder, said processor, and
said display.

23. (New) A method for managing communications information as defined
by claim 12 wherein at least some of said plurality of incoming phone calls include video
data, and wherein the step of recording a message for at least one of said plurality of phone
calls includes recoding said video data.

24. (New) A method for managing communications information as defined by claim 12 wherein the step of responding to selection of one of said records includes responding to a voice activation command.

25. (New) A method for managing communications information as defined by claim 12 wherein use of said selector causes a selection interrupt to be generated, and wherein the step of responding to selection of one of said records comprises receiving said interrupt and querying said interrupt to determine if it is a selection interrupt.
